



PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

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Dear PBL Families,

The tragedy that unfolded on February 14, 2018 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida has once again brought school safety issues to the forefront of both national and local conversations. Student and staff safety and security have always been and continue to be the number one priority at PBL Unit #10. PBL regularly conducts safety drills and works in collaboration with county and local law enforcement and first responders to revisit and revise policies and procedures to insure maximum preparedness in the case of any type of emergency. We are aware that students across the nation have organized an event scheduled for tomorrow, March 14, 2018. The event, National School Walkout, is scheduled to begin at 10:00am and last for 17 minutes (one minute for each of the victims of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida). We encourage parents/guardians to talk to your student(s) about how they may be feeling and the importance of expressing themselves in appropriate ways at school. We value student voice in important issues, and we know that our students will conduct themselves in peaceful and productive ways when expressing their individual views.

We would like to remind PBL Unit #10 employees that, under Illinois law (5 ILCS 430/) school employees are prohibited from engaging in political activities while at work or on duty. We expect all administrators, faculty, and staff to supervise students and provide a safe environment for students. We are asking building administrators to create a plan for supervising all students in the case of a walkout, including those who participate and those who don't, and remind staff to not actively participate in student-led demonstrations.

Please contact your child's building administrator if you have questions or concerns.

Thank You,

Cliff McClure,
PBL Superintendent